

## Career Education Course Outlines

Below are suggested course outlines to use in developing a syllabus for Career Education courses. The Level 7-8 course provides an introduction to career decision-making and the Level 9-12 course is the application of the same concepts. If a school chooses to offer the course at the secondary level only, the two outlines should be combined in order to assure the information from the introductory course is included.

### 20005 Exploring Career Decisions

Level: 7-8

Content: This course is designed to provide an orientation to the world of work, including understanding career clusters and exploring various career opportunities. Experiences are designed to introduce students to the technical nature of today's world and the role of productive workers. Activities enable students to increase self-awareness and make wise educational and occupational decisions as they plan for careers. Emphasis is placed on matching and improving students' strengths and interests related to courses in school and their future career plans. The formal career development planning process often begins within this course. The development of a career portfolio is recommended.

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  - work, job, occupation, career, goal, attitude, personal, self-concept
- ◆ Identify reasons why people work (functions of work)

#### Self Awareness

- ◆ Define terms related to self awareness
  - aptitude, personality, identity, interest, interest inventory, unique personality traits, skill, maturing, emotions
- ◆ List reasons why people should identify interests, aptitudes and abilities
- ◆ Assess personal interests
- ◆ Discuss standards/values as they relate to the world of work
- ◆ Relate personality traits to the world of work
- ◆ Identify how career choices affect lifestyle factors

#### Making Decisions

- ◆ Define terms related to making decisions
  - decision, decision-making process, evaluate, plan, resource, tentative
- ◆ Study decision making processes

#### Career Research

- ◆ Define terms related to researching careers
  - research, Occupational Outlook Handbook, volunteering, temporary jobs, job duties, entry-level jobs, on-line, part-time jobs, wages, salary, employment outlook, related occupations, working conditions, education/training requirements, personal qualifications
- ◆ Identify a variety of resources used to research careers

#### Exploring the 16 Career Clusters

- ◆ Define terms related to exploring career clusters
  - cluster, career cluster, career pathway, classification, specialization
- ◆ Define the 16 Career Cluster system

## Employment Skills

- ◆ Define terms related to employment skills
  - employer, job lead, classified section, help wanted ad, employment agency, fee, applicant, reference, resume, application form, screen out, interview, procedure, wage, overtime, discriminate, compromise, check stub, deduction, income tax, gross pay, net pay, endorse, punctuality, co-worker
- ◆ List steps for finding a job
- ◆ List types of information needed in preparing a resume
- ◆ Identify information needed in completing an application form
- ◆ List factors that contribute to a successful interview
- ◆ Discuss job management skills

## Entrepreneurship

- ◆ Define terms related to starting a personal business
  - entrepreneur, risk, persistence, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, stockholder, stock
- ◆ Identify advantages and disadvantages of becoming an entrepreneur
- ◆ List personality traits that lead to success as an entrepreneur

## Education

- ◆ Define terms related to education
  - GED, certificate, program, elective, credit, prerequisite, bachelor's degree, graduate school, associate degree, graduate school, adult education, vocation, career and technical education, grants, apprentice, tuition, work-study program, scholarship
- ◆ Identify programs available in high school
- ◆ List education/training alternatives after high school
- ◆ Develop a four year high school plan

## Planning for the Future

- ◆ Define terms related to future planning
  - portfolio, high school plan of study, extracurricular activities (student organizations, athletic activities), procrastinator
- ◆ List reasons why planning is important
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## **20060 Career Management**

Level: 9-12

Credit: ¼, ½, or 1

Content: This course will help students understand the lifelong, sequential process of determining self and career identity through career clusters, career exploration, various student assessments, community involvement, job shadowing and academic skill development. Students will have opportunities to learn how to make good decisions about education, work, and life roles; how to secure employment through the development of resumes, job applications and job interviewing; and how to succeed in a rapidly changing world of work. Each student will also develop or refine a career portfolio.

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- ◆ Explain personal reasons for work

#### **Self Awareness**

- ◆ Discuss the awareness of terms related to self awareness and career orientation
- ◆ Assess personal interests, aptitudes and abilities
- ◆ Analyze personal assessment data
- ◆ Analyze personal standards/values needed for a particular career
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- ◆ Describe how career choices affect personal lifestyle

#### **Making Decisions**

- ◆ Demonstrate the use of decision making processes

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- ◆ Research careers using a variety of resources
- ◆ Demonstrate the ability to use career resources in collecting occupational information

#### **Exploring the 16 Career Clusters**

- ◆ Identify knowledge and skills needed for each cluster
- ◆ Identify the career cluster and pathway that matches interest inventories
- ◆ Use information provided by various resources to evaluate students probability of success within each cluster and/or pathway

#### **Employment Skills**

- ◆ Develop a personal plan for finding the right job
- ◆ Apply the best job leads to a personal job seeking plan
- ◆ Analyze a classified ad
- ◆ Develop a personal resume
- ◆ Apply guidelines by completing job application forms
- ◆ Demonstrate a successful job interview
- ◆ Demonstrate positive on-the-job procedures and behaviors
- ◆ Analyze a sample paycheck

#### **Entrepreneurship**

- ◆ Compare the advantages and disadvantages of being an entrepreneur
- ◆ Evaluate personal traits and determine which would lead to success as an entrepreneur

## Education

- ◆ Analyze high school graduation requirement of different programs
- ◆ Compare education/training alternatives
- ◆ Develop a six year secondary/postsecondary plan

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